

Local and Personal

Rev. C. Floyd Cartwright returned yesterday from his vacation.

Misses Martha Bradley and Katie Bell spent Sunday at Norfolk.

Mr. Josey Darden went to Tillery Monday on business.

Mr. L. B. Suiter of Weldon was here this week on business.

Mrs. A. McDowell and family have returned from Virginia Beach.

Messrs. Archie Futrell, Macon Hogard and Paul Speed went to Rocky Mount Sunday.

Mrs. Claude Kitchen and Mr. Robert Josey, Jr., left today for Washington, D. C., for a few days.

Hon. W. W. Kitchen returned to Raleigh Sunday after a short visit to relatives here.

Mr. C. L. McDowell and family are the guests of the family of Hon. W. W. Kitchen at Raleigh this week.

Mr. Lee Rowland of Rocky Mount is the guest of the family of Mr. E. L. Brown here for a few days.

Mr. Charlie Dunn of Norfolk is spending a few days here with relatives and friends.

Messrs. Jim Smith, A. C. Yandle and Ashley Jones spent Sunday at Norfolk and vicinity.

Miss Annie Bell White of Williamson is visiting friends and relatives here for a few days.

Miss Hattie Jones returned today from a pleasant visit to friends and relatives at Norfolk and Rocky Mount.

Mr. Carleton Walston spent a few days this week in Bertie and Gates counties on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Norfleet Smith have returned from a visit to relatives at Richmond.

Miss Jessie Gardner has returned to her home at Suffolk after a visit to her friend, Miss Sallie Ewell.

Miss Annie May Stevenson returned to her home at Hobgood Monday after a visit to friends here.

Mr. Jimmie Lawrence returned Monday morning from a visit to friends at Battleboro and Rocky Mount.

Mrs. J. B. Ramsey and Mrs. Asa M. Ramsey have returned to their home at Union Grove, Ga., after a visit to relatives here.

Mr. Charles Upton left Monday to spend a few days with relatives at Suffolk before accepting a position with a railroad company at Asheville.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Suiter of Weldon will leave Saturday for Atlantic City, N. J., to attend a meeting of district agents of the New York Life Insurance Co.

Misses Don and Anna Carson of Bethel are visiting relatives here.

Misses Lona and Ruby Highsmith have returned to their home at Roper after a visit here.

Miss Ethel Madry returned Monday from a visit to Tillery.

Miss Julia Alexander of Norfolk is visiting her cousin, Miss Evelyn Kitchen, in this week.

CHURCH SERVICES.

Methodist Episcopal Church
Rev. L. T. Singleton, Pastor
Sunday School—9:45.
Morning Service—11:00.
Evening Service—7:45.
Wednesday evening Prayer Meeting—7:45.

Baptist Church
Rev. R. A. McFarland, Pastor
Sunday School—9:45.
Morning Service—11:00.
Evening Service—7:45.
Wednesday evening Prayer Meeting—7:45.

Episcopal Church
Rev. Reuben Meredith, Rector.
Sunday School—9:45.
Morning Prayer and sermon—11:00.
Evening prayer and sermon—8:00.

NOTICE!
Sealed bids will be received by the undersigned until 2 p. m., Tuesday, September 26, 1916 for \$80,000 3 per cent waterworks and sewerage bonds, of the Town of Scotland Neck, N. C., dated October 1, 1916, of the denomination of \$1,000 each, maturing thirty bonds ten years after date, twenty-five bonds twenty years after date, and twenty-five bonds thirty years after date. Principal and semi-annual interest coupons payable at the National City Bank of New York. No bid for less than par and accrued interest will be received, and the right to reject any and all bids is reserved. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check on an incorporated bank for \$500. The form and tenor of the bonds will be as shall be agreed upon by the purchaser and the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Scotland Neck. Detailed information will be furnished upon application.

HENRY T. CLARK, Clerk.
Aug. 25, 1916. Scotland Neck, N. C.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN ALL MEXICO SUNDAY

Will Be an Advance Toward Democratic Government in the Country—Other Election to Follow Later.

Jaurez, Mexico, Aug. 27.—Through out all Mexico, except in the capital where civil disturbances have caused a short postponement, municipal elections will be held on Sunday, September 3—a fact of more than ordinary importance for it marks the first step in a return to civil control and an advance toward Democratic government in the country.

Municipal elections, in the Mexican sense, are not city elections, as the "municipio" is a district of a state analogous to the American county. The large cities are, however, separate municipios. But neither they nor the country districts have ever in Mexican history had home rule. Power for a long time has been concentrated in the hands of a few men, who have used it to oppress the people and to enrich themselves. The second step in restoring civil government follows at a date yet to be announced, when governors and state legislators will be chosen. The final act will be the balloting for president, judges of the supreme court, senators and members of the chamber of deputies.

Although enemies of the Carranza administration, such as the adherents of the Diaz regime, have not had the hardihood to put tickets in the field, the constitutional party has its factions and its conflicting ambitions. In Jaurez, the factions are represented in two clubs. One is named after the Indian patriot, Benito Juarez. The other, in reference to Madero uprising, calls itself the Club Renacimiento 1910—the rebirth of 1910. They have agents at work and frequent meetings in the theatre, quite like party organizations in the United States.

Educational reforms, covering not only free elementary instruction for all but establishing schools of industries and fine arts are given first choice in the Jaurez club platform. A curious demand is for the restoration of the old free trade zone—a strip along the Mexican side of the border where all foreign products used to enter free. This was abolished over twenty years ago at the demand of the merchants of Zatecas and other trade centers of those times. The program states that all the tariff ever did was to kill business in Jaurez by driving its merchants to El Paso.

The national issues taken up in the later elections will include agrarian reform, dealing with the distribution of land among the peasants and the division of the old land grants. Equalized taxes, public education, the one-term rule for all elective office holders and a genuine separation of executive and judiciary, by which political pressure will be removed from the courts, have also been endorsed in one form or another by most of the political clubs in Mexico.

OFF TO THE BEACH.

The Boy Scouts left this morning for Virginia Beach to spend a week or ten days. Scoutmaster D. F. Keel is in charge of the boys.

Mrs. S. L. Gainer of Rocky Mount is the guest of Mrs. Charles W. Albertson.

The young people of Scotland Neck will hold a dance in the Mayor's office Wednesday evening, Aug. 30.

MRS. JAMES LAWRENCE DEAD

Mrs. James Lawrence passed away this (Tuesday) morning at the home of her sister, Mrs. E. E. Hillier on Church street. The funeral and burial will be held tomorrow. The Commonwealth will endeavor to give its readers a fitting obituary of this noble lady next issue.

WILSON'S SERVICE TO AMERICA'S FARMERS

Remarkable Record Set Forth in Letter by the President on Signing Bill.

NEW LAWS; NEW OUTLOOK

Farm Loan Act, Federal Reserve Bank, Provisions for Warehouse and Marketing Facilities Are Part of Program Executed by Democrats.

No administration has ever done so much to advance the agriculture interests of the United States as that of President Wilson. The record is set forth briefly and effectively in a letter written by the President to Congressman A. F. Lever, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives, as follows:

THE WHITE HOUSE, Washington.

August 11, 1916.

My dear Mr. Lever:

It has given me much satisfaction to approve today the bill making appropriations for the Department of Agriculture for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1917, and for other purposes, because the bill not only makes very generous provision for the improvement of farm production in the nation and for investigations and demonstrations in the field of the marketing of farm crops and of the organization of rural life, but also contains three well conceived measures designed to improve market practices and the storage and financing of staple crops. As the passage of this bill marks the practical completion of an important part of the program for the betterment of rural life which was mapped out at the beginning of the administration, I feel that I cannot let the occasion pass without conveying to you and your associates in both houses my appreciation of the service rendered to the nation in strengthening its great agricultural foundations.

The record, legislative as well as administrative, is a remarkable one. It speaks for itself and needs only to be set forth.

1. Appreciation of the importance of agriculture has been shown through greatly and intelligently increased appropriations for its support.

2. Particular pains have been taken to foster production by every promising means, and careful thought has been given especially to the matter of increasing the meat supply of the nation.

3. Greatly increased provision has been made, through the enactment of the Co-operative Agricultural Extension Act, for conveying agricultural information to farmers and for inducing them to apply it. This piece of legislation is one of the most significant and far reaching measures for the education of adults ever adopted by any government. It provides for co-operation between the States and the Federal Government. This is a highly important and significant principle. When the Act is in full operation there will be expended annually under its terms, from Federal and State sources alone, a total of over \$88,000,000 in the direct education of the farmer; and this amount is being and will be increasingly supplemented by contributions from local sources. It will permit the placing in each of the 2,850 rural counties of the nation two farm demonstrators and specialists who will assist the demonstrators in the more difficult problems confronting them.

4. Systematic provision for the first time has been made for the solution of problems in that important half of agriculture which concerns distribution—marketing, rural finance, and rural organization.

5. Provision was made promptly for the creation of an Office of Markets and Rural Organization and the appropriations for this Office, including those for enforcing new laws designed to promote better marketing, have been increased to \$1,200,000. The more difficult problems of marketing are being investigated and plans are in operation for furnishing assistance to producers of perishables through a market news service. A similar service for live stock interests will be inaugurated during the year.

6. The problems of securing the uniform grading of staple crops, of regulating dealings and traffic in them, of developing a better system of warehouses, and of providing more available collateral for farm loans has been successfully dealt with.

7. Under the Cotton Futures Act standards for cotton have been established, the operations of the futures exchanges have been put under supervision, and the sale of cotton has been placed on a firmer basis.

8. The United States Grain Standards Act will secure uniformity in the grading of grain, enable the farmer to obtain fairer prices for his product, and afford him an incentive to raise better grades of grain.

9. The United States Warehouse Act will enable the Department of Agriculture to license bonded warehouses in the various States. It will lead to the development of better storage facilities for staple crops and will make possible the issuance of reliable warehouse receipts which will be widely and easily negotiable.

10. Of no less importance for agriculture and for the national develop-

ment is the Federal Aid Road Act. This measure will contribute to the establishment of more effective highway machinery in each state, strongly influence the development of good road building along right lines, stimulate larger production and better marketing, promote a fuller and more attractive rural life, add greatly to the convenience and economic welfare of all the people and strengthen the national foundations. The Act embodies sound principles of road legislation and will safeguard the expenditure of the funds arising under the Act not only, but will also result in the more efficient use of the large additional sums made available by States and localities.

11. The Federal Reserve Act benefits the farmer, as it does all the other people of the nation, by guaranteeing better banking, safeguarding the credit structure of the country, and preventing panics. It takes particular note of the special needs of the farmer by making larger provision for loans through national banks on farm mortgages and by giving farm paper a maturity period of six months.

12. It was essential, however, that banking machinery be devised which would reach intimately into the rural districts, that it should operate on terms suited to the farmer's needs, and should be under sympathetic management. The need was for machinery which would introduce business methods into farm finance, bring order out of chaos, reduce the cost of handling farm loans, place upon the market mortgages which would be a safe investment for private funds, attract to agricultural operations a fair share of the capital of the nation, and lead to a reduction of interest. These needs and these ideals have been met by the enactment of the Federal Farm Loan Act.

I am glad to have had an opportunity to take part in the execution of this large program, which, I believe, will result in making agriculture more profitable and country life more comfortable, and, therefore, insure the retention in rural districts of an efficient and contented population.

Faithfully yours,

WOODROW WILSON.

Hon. A. F. Lever, Chairman, Committee on Agriculture, House of Representatives.

ADDITIONAL PERSONALS.

Dr. J. E. Shields has returned from a business trip to Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey McDaniel are spending some days at Enfield and other points.

Mr. Bernard Allbrook and family returned last night from Virginia Beach.

Miss Sallie Sherrod of Enfield is the guest of Miss Gertrude Dunn.

Mr. Henry M. Hilliard of Wilmington came in today to attend the funeral of his aunt, Mrs. James Lawrence.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Whitfield of Raleigh spent the week end here with their aunt, Mrs. John Edmunds.

Mr. C. M. Barber went to Greenville this afternoon.

WILSON A PROGRESSIVE BEFORE PARTY WAS BORN

Eighteen months before the birth of the Progressive Party, Woodrow Wilson, then Governor of New Jersey, gave this definition of a Progressive and so classified himself in an address before the Kansas Society of New York, January 20, 1911: "By 'Radical' I understand one who goes too far, by 'Conservative' one who does not go far enough; by 'Reactionary' one who won't go at all. I suppose I must be a Progressive, which I take to be one who insists on recognizing new facts, adjusting policies to facts and circumstances as they arise."

Under Democratic influences during the six-year period since standstillism was overthrown in the House of Representatives in 1910, ninety per cent of the program of reform advocated by the Progressive Party has been enacted into law. "Invisible government," which is now making desperate efforts to "come back," has been driven from power under President Wilson's administration and will have no place in Washington so long as he is in the White House.

MEXICO IS COMING BACK.

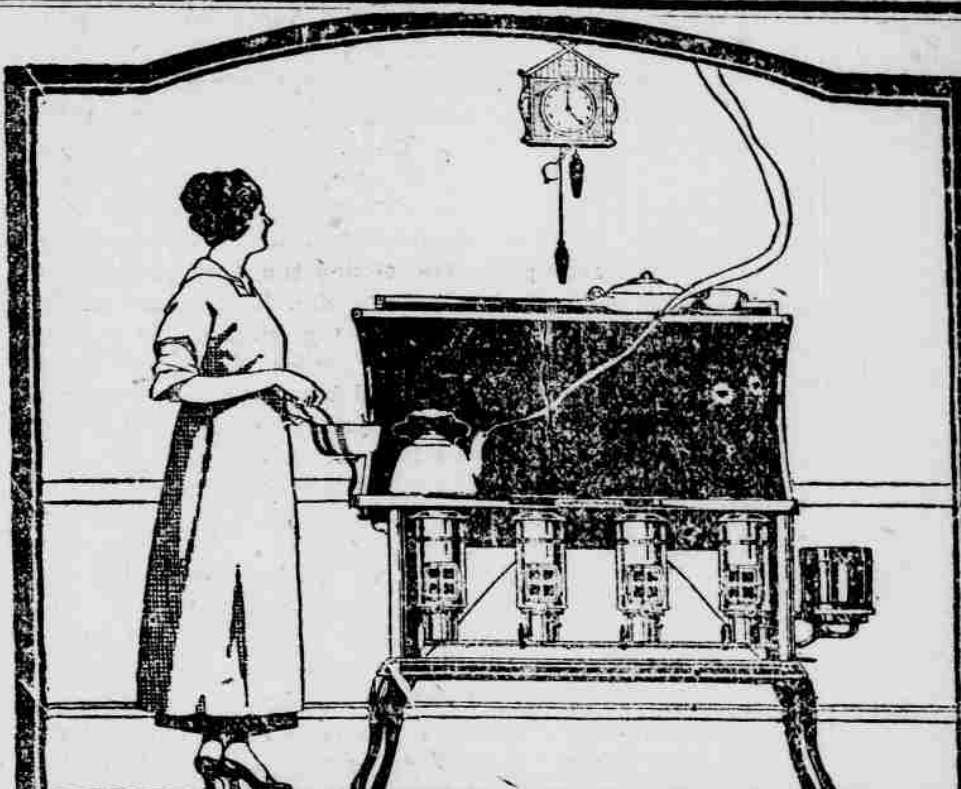
Saved From Conquest, It Is Working Out Its Own Destiny.

Encouraging news continues to come from Mexico, and the friends of President Wilson's critics grow tamer all the while. Mexico has seen much misfortune, has borne many trials, has experienced many tragedies, but there is a buoyancy to the present situation that gives cheer to friends of that long-suffering republic.

Americans, coming from that country, bring optimistic assurances. They declare that there is much better government there than for many years, that Carranza money is increasing in value, that business is picking up and that law is being respected.

The New York Evening Sun, a Republican newspaper, which usually criticizes everything President Wilson does, is compelled to recognize the facts, telegraphed from San Antonio, Texas, by William G. Shepherd, war correspondent of the United Press, who has been one of the keenest observers of conditions both in Europe and Mexico. Mr. Shepherd, back from a long service abroad, was sent recently to the Mexican border. After a careful survey he reported conclusions which the Sun displays under the heading: "Mexico Coming Back; Business Grows Brisk—Confidence in Carranza Increases and Things Look Up." In part Mr. Shepherd says:

Mexico is coming back. It's not a dead rubber nation; it's got a bounce in it. A summary of the news from the heart of Mexico, gathered in the last three weeks along the border from Americans incoming from Mexico, shows beyond doubt that conditions are improving, confidence in Carranza is growing, the situation is gaining buoyancy, Carranza money is gaining in value and business is picking up.



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